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(U) Dublin – Political Event Threatened by California Gun Dealer

(U) An online gun dealer based in Dublin, California posted a photo of a 17-year-old on social media and called for extremist groups like the Oath Keepers and Three Percenters to protest at a scheduled political event on public grounds. The gun dealer identified as Mike Grant wrote in part: "Oath Keepers please bring your vests and helmets in case these BLM people start trouble. Remember this group is known as a left-wing anti-government group. Take Dublin back!" Police told local media that Grant's post does not rise to the level of a crime, but they did say they are investigating the situation. Police said there will be a law enforcement presence at the event.

SOURCE: 11 November 2020, [KTVU News](#)

(U) Fresno – Police Fear Killing of Key Gang Member May Spark More Shootings

(U) Following the murder of a known and influential gang member, Marcello Pinkney, police are concerned there may be an increase in violent attacks and shootings in retaliation. In November, there has been an average of one shooting per day in Fresno. During September, police reported 104 shootings, and 76 were reported in October. So far, in 2020, 54 people have been killed, with 43% cleared/solved. Detectives say the solvency rate is lower than usual because many gang-related murders involve reluctant witnesses.

SOURCE: 11 November 2020, [ABC News](#)

(U) Grass Valley – Seven People Arrested After Illicit Drug Deal Turns Violent

(U) Detectives have arrested seven people from out-of-state on multiple charges, including homicide, stemming from an apparent drug deal gone wrong in Grass Valley. The driver told officers they met with a group from out of the area to sell marijuana, but at some point during the deal, the sellers discovered the suspects were trying to buy the marijuana with fake money. The suspects took the marijuana and fled in a vehicle and were chased by the sellers who shot into the vehicle, hitting a woman in the head. Following a subsequent investigation, police arrested seven people involved in the incident, and seized a pistol, 30-pounds of marijuana, and a stockpile of fake cash.

SOURCE: 11 November 2020, [CBS News](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – Border Patrol Agents Seized Record Amounts of Fentanyl and Meth in FY 2020

(U) San Diego – The US Border Patrol's San Diego region seized a record amount of fentanyl and methamphetamine smuggled into the country and saw the number of maritime smuggling attempts soar while the number of apprehensions overall of people entering the United States illegally fell from FY 2019. Seized quantities of heroin have decreased during the same time, but seized quantities of illicit marijuana increased 230%, remaining a profitable source of revenue for organized criminal groups.

SOURCE: 10 November 2020, [San Diego Union Tribune](#)

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(U) Indiana – Woman Sentenced to Prison for Smuggling \$30K to Support ISIS

(U) Indianapolis – Samantha Elhassani, 35, was sentenced to prison for helping her husband and brother-in-law join the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) by providing \$30,000 in gold and cash, which went to ISIS. Elhassani had claimed that her husband Moussa, a Moroccan national, tricked her into traveling to join ISIS. When ISIS collapsed, Elhassani fled Syria with her children, and was captured by Kurdish forces, before being handed over to US law enforcement authorities in July 2018.

SOURCE: 10 November 2020, [New York Post](#)

(U) Missouri – Woman Sentences to Federal Prison in Terrorism Case

(U) St. Louis – Sedina Unkic Hodzic, 41, was sentenced to four years in federal prison for participating in a conspiracy to help a former Missouri man who died in Syria while fighting for ISIS. Prosecutors say Hodzic and her husband, Ramiz Hodzic, sent money and supplies to Abdullah Ramo Pazara. Pazara lived in St. Louis County until 2013, when he went to Syria and became a commander for the terrorist organization.

SOURCE: 11 November 2020, [KRCG News](#)

(U) New York – Man Arrested Over Threat to Senator and FBI

(U) Staten Island – Police arrested Brian Maiorana, 54, after posting threatening messages on social media. Citing the anti-government novel “The Turner Diaries,” Maiorana wrote that he wanted to “blow up” an FBI building and made an anti-Semitic reference to a US Senator. Prosecutors said that starting in September, Maiorana used social media to post multiple threats to kill protesters, politicians, and law enforcement officers. Authorities also allege Maiorana ordered components to manufacture weapons.

SOURCE: 11 November 2020, [New York Times](#)

(U) Texas – Manhunt Underway for Suspect Who Fatally Shot Police Officer

(U) Houston – An intensive police manhunt was on Monday night after Houston police Sgt. Sean Rios, 47, was fatally shot near a motel in north Houston, officials said. Rios was driving on Interstate 45 toward work and was in street clothes when he traded gunfire with someone in a blue Mercedes, Police Chief Art Acevedo said. Rios, the married father of four children, is the second Houston police officer to be killed in the past three weeks and the fourth since December 2019.

SOURCE: 10 November 2020, [Radio B](#)

(U) West Virginia – ‘Boogaloo’ Extremists Illegally Buying 3D-Printed Machine Gun Parts

(U) Charleston – The FBI last month arrested Timothy Watson, of West Virginia, on charges that he operated a website that illegally sold 3D- printed machine gun parts under the guise of mundane household items. Watson's website has been a go-to shop for the ‘Boogaloo Bois’ movement, a far-right extremist organization with members responsible for the killings of several law enforcement officials, according to the FBI.

SOURCE: 11 November 2020, [Insider](#)

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(U) Mexico – Journalist Shot Dead While Reporting Discovery of Human Remains

(U) Salamanca – Israel Vázquez Rangel, 31, worked for the online portal El Salmantino and was prepared to air a Facebook Live when he was reportedly shot at least 11 times and later died. Rangel was reporting on the discovery of human remains when he was attacked. Two weeks ago, the remains of 59

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people were found in mass graves in Salvatierra, an hour drive from Salamanca. Guanajuato is one of the most active drug cartel battlegrounds in the country and the state that recorded the highest number of murders per year in 2019, driven by fighting between the Cártel de Jalisco Nueva Generación (CJNG) and Cártel de Santa Rosa de Lima (CSRL) transnational criminal organizations.

SOURCE: 11 November 2020, [Independent](#)

(U) Mozambique – ISIS Intensifies Activity in County with Numerous Beheadings

(U) Macomia – ISIS militants in Mozambique, armed with machetes, attacked the village of 24 de Marco and beheaded as many as 20 boys and men. The atrocity follows an ongoing conflict in Cabo Delgado, a resource-rich province of northern Mozambique, in which ISIS insurgents have grown dramatically in strength in 2020, seizing territory, capturing a port, and stepping up brutal attacks on civilians that often involve beheadings.

SOURCE: 11 November 2020, [New York Times](#)

(U) Saudi Arabia – People Injured in Intentional Explosion at Ceremony

(U) Jeddah – Multiple people were wounded on Wednesday when an explosive device hit a ceremony commemorating the end of World War I at a cemetery for non-Muslim dead. The attack follows on the heels of a stabbing on 29 October that slightly wounded a guard at the French Consulate in the city. The French president's support for caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad as a cornerstone of free speech has riled some Muslims who view the depictions as incitement and a form of hate speech.

SOURCE: 11 November 2020, [Fox News](#)

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